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Successful Educational Transitions



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WHAT IS THE COMPACT?

The Compact deals with the educational challenges of military children due to their frequent relocations. It allows for uniform treatment as military children transfer between school districts in member states.

Note: The Compact applies to public schools, and through a Memorandum of Agreement, to U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) schools located within states and foreign countries.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A STATE JOINS THE COMPACT?

Each state appoints representation to a governing commission responsible for enacting rules to implement the Compact. Each participating state also creates a state council based on the requirements of their state legislation.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COMPACT?

You should visit the Interstate Commission's website at www.mic3.net.

STUDENTS COVERED UNDER THE COMPACT

Children of the following:

- Active duty members of the uniformed services, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders (Title 10)
- Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year
- Members who perish while on active duty, for a period of one year after death.
- Uniformed members of the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and United States Public Health Services (USPHS)

STUDENTS NOT COVERED UNDER THE COMPACT

Children of the following:

- Inactive members of the National Guard and Reserves (Not Title 10)
- Members now retired or veterans other than those covered above
- Other Department of Defense personnel, federal agency civilians and contract employees not defined as active duty
- Members other than the uniformed personnel of NOAA and USPHS

OUR MISSION

Through the Interstate Compact, MIC3 addresses key educational transition issues encountered by children of military families.



What are some of the specific educational issues that the Compact covers?

Enrollment

- Educational Records
- Immunizations
- Kindergarten & First Grade Entrance Age

Placement & Attendance

- Course & Educational Program Placement
- Special Education Services
- Placement Flexibility
- Absence Related to Deployment Activities

Eligibility

- Eligibility for Student Enrollment
- Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation

Graduation

- Waiving courses required for graduation if similar course work has been completed
- Flexibility in accepting state exit or end-of-course exams, national achievement tests, or alternative testing in lieu of testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state
- Allowing a student to receive a diploma from the sending school instead of the receiving school

Who do I contact in my state or school district to learn more about what is and is not covered in the Compact?

Contact your State Compact Commissioner. Contact information for each State Commissioner can be found at www.mic3.net/interactivemap/

Is there a person at the military installation who can help me understand the Compact issues and requirements for local school districts?

Contact the School Liaison at your local installation. For a listing of School Liaisons in your area, visit the website at www.mic3.net/school-liaisons/

What happens if the member state does not comply with the Compact?

The Compact provides a governance structure at both the state and national levels for enforcement and compliance.

Where is the Compact in terms of implementation at the national and state levels?

As of 2014, membership includes all fifty states and the District of Columbia. All states appoint State Commissioners, who lead State Councils and work with state officials and school districts on implementation. The National Commission meets annually each fall.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

MIC3 acknowledges the support it receives from its Ex-Officio members as we all strive to do what is best for children of military families.

